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Morning ſurprized with a great knock-
Door, when my Landlady's Daughter
to me and told me that there was a Man
deſired to ſpeak with me. Upon my asking
was, ſhe told me it was a very grave elder-
but that ſhe did not know his Name. I
went down to him, and found him to
of my worthy Friend Sir ROGER
He told me that his Maſter came
laſt Night, and would be glad to take a
me in *Grays-Inn* Walks. As I was won-
ſelf what had brought Sir ROGER to
having lately received any Letter from
me that his Maſter was come up to
Prince *Eugene*, and that he deſired I
meet him.

a little pleaſed with the Curioſity of the
though I did not much wonder at it,
d him ſay more than once in private
that he looked upon Prince *Eugenio* (for
ght always calls him) to be a greater Man
rbeg.

no ſooner come into *Grays-Inn* Walks,
my Friend upon the Terrace hemming
rice to himſelf with great Vigour, for he
ear his Pipes in good Air (to make uſe of
aſe) and is not a little pleaſed with any
akes Notice of the Strength which he ſtill
his Morning Hemms.

uched with a ſecret Joy at the Sight of
old Man, who before he ſaw me was en-
Converſation with a Beggar Man that had
lms of him. I cou'd hear my Friend
for not finding out ſome Work; but at
me ſaw him put his Hand in his [illegible]
Six-Pence.

ons were very hearty on both ſides, con-
any kind Shakes of the Hand, and ſe-
Looks which we caſt upon one a-
which the Knight told me my good
Chaplain was very well, and much at
and that the *Sunday* before, he had made
rable Sermon out of Doctor *Bar-*
left, ſays he, all my Affairs in his
being willing to lay an Obligation upon
ſited with him thirty Marks, to be di-
his poor Pariſhioners.

eded to acquaint me with the welfare
Upon which he put his Hand into
ented me in his Name with a Tobac-
me that *Will* had been buſie all
the Winter in turning great quan-
and that he had made a Preſent of
Gentleman in the County that has good
ſmokes. He added, that poor *Will*
under great Tribulation, for that
taken the Law of him for cutting
cks out of one of his Hedges.

Pieces of News which the Knight
his Country-Seat, he inform'd me that *Moll White* was dead; and that about a Month after her Death the Wind was ſo very high, that it blew down the end of one of his Barns. But for my own part, ſays Sir ROGER, I do not think that the old Woman had any hand in it.

He afterwards fell into an Account of the Diverſions that had paſſed in his Houſe during the Holydays, for Sir ROGER, after the laudable Cuſtom of his Anceſtors, always keeps open-Houſe at *Chriſtmas*. I learned from him, that he had killed eight fat Hogs for this Seaſon, that he had dealt about his Chines very liberally among his Neighbours, and that in particular he had ſent a ſtring of Hogs-puddings with a pack of Cards to every poor Family in the Pariſh. I have often thought, ſays Sir ROGER, it happens very well that *Chriſtmas* ſhould fall out in the middle of the Winter. It is the moſt dead, uncomfortable time of the Year, when the poor People would ſuffer very much from their Cold, and Poverty, if they had not good Cheer, warm Fires, and *Chriſtmas* Gambols to ſupport them. I love to rejoyce their poor Hearts at this Seaſon, and to ſee the whole Village merry in my great Hall. I allow a double quantity of Malt to my ſmall Beer, and ſet it a running for twelve Days to every one that calls for it. I have always a Piece of cold Beef and a Mince-Pye upon the Table, and am wonderfully pleaſed to ſee my Tenants paſs away a whole Evening in playing their innocent Tricks, and ſmutting one another. Our Friend *Will Wimble* is as merry as any of them, and ſhews a thouſand Roguiſh Tricks upon theſe Occaſions.

I was very much delighted with the Reflection of my old Friend, which carried ſo much Goodneſs in it. He then launched out into the Praiſe of the late Act of Parliament for ſecuring the Church of *England*, and told me, with great Satisfaction, that he believed it already begun to take Effect; for that a rigid Diſſenter, who chanced to Dine at his Houſe on *Chriſtmas* Day, had been obſerved to Eat very plentifully of his Plumb-porridge.

After having diſpatched all our Country matters, Sir ROGER made ſeveral Enquiries concerning the Club, and particularly of his old Antagoniſt Sir ANDREW FREEPORT. He asked me with a kind of Smile, whether Sir ANDREW had not taken the Advantage of his Abſence, to vent among them ſome of his Republican Doctrines; but ſoon after gathering up his Countenance into a more than ordinary Seriouſneſs, Tell me truly, ſays he, don't you think Sir ANDREW had a Hand in the Pope's Proceſſion —— but without giving me time to anſwer him, Well, well, ſays he, I know you are a wary Man, and do not care to talk of publick Matters.

The Knight then asked me, if I had ſeen Prince *Eugenio*, and made me promiſe to get him a Stand in ſome convenient Place where he might have a full ſight of that Extraordinary Man, whoſe Preſence does ſo much Honour to the *Britiſh* Nation. He dwelt very long on the Praiſes of this Great General,

and

and I found that ſince I was with him in the Country, he had drawn many Obſervations together out of his reading in *Baker's* Chronicle, and other Authors, that always lie in his Hall Window, which very much redound to the Honour of this Prince.

Having paſſed away the greateſt part of the Morning in hearing the Knight's Reflections, which were partly private, and partly political, he asked me if I would ſmoke a Pipe with him over a diſh of Coffee at *Squires*. As I love the old Man, I take a delight in complying with every thing that is agreeable to him, and accordingly waited on him to the Coffee-houſe, where his venerable Figure drew upon us the Eyes of the whole Room. He had no ſooner ſeated himſelf at the upper End of the high Table, but he called for a clean Pipe, a Paper of Tobacco, a Diſh of Coffee, a Wax Candle, and the *Supplement*, with ſuch an Air of Cheerfulneſs and Good-humour, that all the Boys in the Coffee-room (who ſeemed to take Pleaſure in ſerving him) were at once employed on his ſeveral Errands, inſomuch that no Body elſe could come at a Diſh of Tea, till the Knight had got all his Conveniencies about him.

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